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NAME OF ORGANIZATION: AK Native Tribal Health Consortium

NAME OF PROJECT: Construction Skills Training Event in St. Mary's, AK

REPORT PERIOD: November 14, 2003

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

It is the end of the 1st week of training in St. Mary's, AK. Thus far, training for both the OSHA, Intro to Carpentry and Plumbing are going great. There were a few bumps along the way but overall, everything is going as scheduled.

I arrived in St. Mary's on November 8th, 2003, (Jennifer John, Training Coordinator for the event). The following day, 29 out of 30 trainees arrived from both Kasigluk and Kwethluk. The next afternoon, Mike Tucker and Randy Alvarez, (the Carpentry Instructors), arrived to begin the OSHA training. On November 11, 2003, the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Alaska, Assessment Proctors arrived (Vicki Schneibel and Juanita) to administer the Carpentry Assessments on the following day. The next day, the Plumbing Instructor arrived and administered the Plumbing assessments. The assessments provided much needed information about gauging their skill level in the Carpentry and Plumbing trades.

Currently, the Carpentry trainees are doing their hands-on training and the Plumber trainees will begin their hands-on training tomorrow, as well. The training as a whole is going well and on schedule.

Improvements: Since this is our first collaborative training event with AK Works and AGC, there were a few mishaps that could have been prevented had we planned and confirmed the details of the training. As a result, I've noted how we can further improve the planning stages of future training collaborations.

Sincerely,

Jennifer John, Training Coordinator